

1 land being actively devoted to farm or agricultural use  
2 was the only criteria that the assessing authority could  
3 apply.

4 DELEGATE CASE: That is correct.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sybert.

6 DELEGATE SYBERT: For what reason then does the  
7 committee recommend scrapping the action of the people  
8 eight years ago in permitting or requiring assessment as  
9 farmland if it is actively devoted to farm use? What is  
10 the theory?

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

12 DELEGATE CASE: We prefer the words "gently  
13 modifying," rather than "scrapping" the words of the people.

14 The reason for it, as I have suggested before,  
15 is that as the law now stands, the law being the Constitu-  
16 tional amendment of Article XV and XLIII of the Declaration  
17 of Rights as interpreted by the Alsop case permits people,  
18 namely real estate speculators for whom this particular  
19 provision was never designed to reap tremendous benefits.

20 We feel, the committee felt that this was  
21 wrong. We felt that it was wrong for a number of reasons.